

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST TO ADOPT AND SIGN LEGISLATION BANNING THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE USING A CELLULAR PHONE OR OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE IN ORDER TO WRITE OR SEND TEXT-BASED COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING TEXT MESSAGES, INSTANT MESSAGES, OR ELECTRONIC MAIL.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah urge the Florida Legislature and Governor Charlie Crist to adopt and sign legislation banning the operation of a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone or other personal electronic communications device in order to write or send text-based communications, including text messages, instant messages, or electronic mail; and

WHEREAS, a recent study of more than fifteen-hundred Americans found that 20% of American drivers send text messages while driving, and that 39% of American drivers under the age of thirty send text messages while driving; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of research and evidence that suggests a ban on texting while driving will save lives and make our roads a safer place to drive; and

WHEREAS, in addition to saving lives, fewer crashes could result in lower automobile insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, text messaging is currently banned for all drivers in fourteen states and the District of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida urge the Florida Legislature and Governor Charlie Crist to adopt and sign legislation banning the

operation of a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone or other personal electronic communications device in order to write or send text-based communications, including text messages, instant messages, or electronic mail.


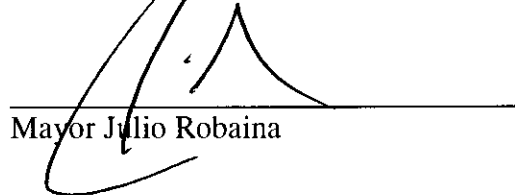
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2009.



Carlos Hernandez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on the 28 day of October, 2009.


Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk
Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:


William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Yedra voting "Yes" and Councilmember Cue absent.